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UDOT Opens Workshop to Study Colorado River Bridge

MOAB, UTAH – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is holding a focus workshop for the U.S. 191 Colorado River Bridge Project to discuss preliminary alternatives for bridge and roadway improvements.

WHERE: Grand County Council Chambers

WHEN: Tuesday March 14, 2006

RESERVATIONS: Reservations are required – Please call Tiffany Carlson, at Michael Baker Jr., Inc, (801) 352-5995 no later than March 10th

UDOT recognizes a need to replace the U.S. 191 bridge over the Colorado River with a new bridge that meets current structural design standards. The project will also look at roadway improvements between 400 North in Moab and State Route 279 (Potash Road). Funds are currently identified to complete bridge improvements; but roadway improvements are not currently funded. UDOT's goal is to improve safety, accommodate traffic needs through 2030, provide continuity between current four-lane sections of U.S. 19, and improve facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The workshop planned March 14 will be the last public meeting scheduled until a required public hearing on the draft Environmental Assessment. Early public participation in the design process will help UDOT's study and design teams address important issues as part of the environmental permitting process.

Stakeholders can obtain current project information and make comments at any time by accessing the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/. Comments may also be provided at the workshop or can be emailed to US191ColoradoRiver@mbakercorp.com.

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